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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATION MATTERS

Annotated provisional agenda

Section I of the present document contains the provisional agenda for the second session, as approved by the Preparatory Committee at its first session (decision 1/30), the annotations to the provisional agenda and the proposed programme of work of the Preparatory Committee. Section II contains the provisional agenda for the second session of Working Group I, as approved by the Preparatory Committee at its first session (decision 1/19), the annotations to the provisional agenda and the proposed programme of work of the Group. Section III contains the provisional agenda for the second session of Working Group II, as approved by the Preparatory Committee at its first session (decision 1/23), the annotations to the provisional agenda and the proposed programme of work of the Group.

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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

A. Provisional agenda of the Preparatory Committee

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:

   (a) Activities of the Conference secretariat;

   (b) Recent actions of intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process;

   (c) Cross-sectoral issues;

   (d) Reports of the Working Groups.

3. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

4. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

By resolution 44/228, the General Assembly decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 in Brazil and, inter alia, to establish the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. It further decided that the Preparatory Committee should hold its second session at Geneva.

At its first session, held at Nairobi from 6 to 31 August 1990, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its second session (decision 1/30) and decided that the session should take place from 18 March to 5 April 1991, on the understanding that the session would be extended to 12 April if required (decision 1/7).

At its organizational session, held from 5 to 16 March 1990 at United Nations Headquarters, the Preparatory Committee elected Tommy Koh (Singapore) Chairman of the Committee. It elected the following 39 States Vice-Chairmen:

Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Senegal, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia.

The Preparatory Committee also designated Brazil to serve as an ex officio Vice-Chairman in accordance with section II, paragraph 4, of General Assembly resolution 44/228. At the same session, the Committee elected Ahmed Djoghlaf (Algeria) Rapporteur.

At its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee decided to establish two open-ended working groups which would meet in conjunction with the substantive sessions of the Committee, at the same venue, and submit progress reports to the Committee on their work. Each of the working groups would assist the Preparatory Committee in fulfilling its mandate in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 and other relevant General Assembly resolutions.

At its first session, the Preparatory Committee elected Bo Kjellén (Sweden) Chairman of Working Group I and Bukar Shaib (Nigeria) Chairman of Working Group II. It decided that the Chairmen of the two Working Groups would serve as ex officio members of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

At its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee adopted a resolution on the organization of its work, in which it stressed that environmental and developmental issues should be dealt with in an integrated manner, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 44/228.

With regard to the conduct of business of the Preparatory Committee, it may be recalled that rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that "the rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly, as well as rules 45 and 60, shall apply to the procedure of any subsidiary organ unless the Assembly or the subsidiary organ decides otherwise". Accordingly, the proceedings of the Preparatory Committee are governed by rule 161.

Opening of the session, meeting rooms and registration

The second session of the Preparatory Committee will open at 3 p.m. on Monday, 18 March, in Conference Room XIX of the Palais des Nations at Geneva. The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee will meet at 10 a.m., also on 18 March. That meeting will be followed by meetings of the Bureaux of Working Groups I and II. Meetings of Working Group I will take place in Conference Room XVIII; meetings of Working Group II will take place in Conference Room XVII. The registration booth will be located at Door 40.

Working Group on legal, institutional and all related matters

At its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee decided to deal, in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 44/228, with legal, institutional and all related matters in an open-ended working group to be set up at an appropriate time (see A/44/48, para. 56).

At its first session, the Preparatory Committee requested its Chairman, with the assistance of the Secretary-General of the Conference, to conduct consultations with delegations during the inter-sessional period on the terms of reference and timing for the commencement of the work of Working Group III on legal, institutional and all related matters (decision 1/26, para. 1). It requested the Secretary-General of the Conference, in the light of the outcome of the consultations, to submit a report, with appropriate recommendations, including draft terms of reference, to the Preparatory Committee early in the second session, with a view to enabling the Committee to take the necessary action on the matter (decision 1/26, para. 2).

Role of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

At its first session, the Preparatory Committee adopted decision 1/1 on the role of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process for the Conference. In resolution 45/211, the General Assembly, inter alia, took note of the provisions of decision 1/1 and authorized the Preparatory Committee, without prejudice to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 44/228, to continue to apply, for the purpose of the preparatory process, the provisional arrangements agreed upon in that decision concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process.

Also in decision 1/1, the Preparatory Committee decided that the Chairman would, with the assistance of the chairmen of the regional groups, other co-ordinating groups and the Secretariat, propose a procedure for determining non-governmental organizations' competence and relevance to the work of the Committee.

Item 2. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions

The Preparatory Committee will have before it the progress report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on decisions taken by the Preparatory Committee at its first session (A/CONF.151/PC/20).

(a) Activities of the Conference secretariat

In decision 1/6, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare a detailed report on his proposal regarding the Conference, contained in paragraph 32 of the text of his introductory statement (see A/CONF.151/PC/5/Add.1).

The Preparatory Committee will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the activities of the Conference secretariat, including the structure of a coherent and concerted programme of action - "Agenda 21" (A/CONF.151/PC/14).

(b) Recent actions of intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process

The Preparatory Committee will be provided with information on recent actions taken by intergovernmental bodies within the United Nations system and on other intergovernmental meetings of relevance to the work of the Preparatory Committee.

(c) Cross-sectoral issues

In decision 1/29, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to submit to it at its second session a progress report on the implementation of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 44/228 related to financial resources and transfer of technology, in particular those of section I, paragraphs 15 (j), (k) and (m). In decision 1/9, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to continue to study the issue of new and additional financial resources, in particular for developing countries, and to report further to the Preparatory Committee at its second session.

The Preparatory Committee will have before it progress reports of the Secretary-General of the Conference on financial resources (A/CONF.151/PC/18) and transfer of technology (A/CONF.151/PC/17).

In decision 1/25, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference, in collaboration with the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to submit to the Preparatory Committee at its second session a progress report stressing the close relationship between environment and development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 and other relevant United Nations resolutions and taking due account of the provisions of the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, as well as of the relationship between poverty and environmental degradation and the other relationships mentioned in decision 1/25.

The Preparatory Committee will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on poverty and environmental degradation (A/CONF.151/PC/15).

In decision 1/28 on cross-sectoral issues, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to undertake specific studies on the relationship between economic and environmental policies and the need to harmonize developmental objectives and sustainability and environmental concerns without adding new forms of conditionality or unjustified barriers to trade. It invited the World Health Organization, in co-ordination and consultation with the Secretary-General of the Conference, to contribute specific suggestions on the health dimension of environmental problems, and requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to co-ordinate and consult with the United Nations Educational,

Scientific and Cultural Organization and other relevant organizations in order to develop proposals on environmental education and public awareness for consideration by the Preparatory Committee.

The Preparatory Committee will have before it a progress report on environment and development (A/CONF.151/PC/16), a report on the environmental health aspects of development (A/CONF.151/PC/19) and a progress report on environmental and development education and public awareness (A/CONF.151/PC/21).

(d) Reports of the Working Groups

In the resolution adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session (see A/44/48, para. 56), the Preparatory Committee decided, inter alia, that the Working Groups should submit progress reports to the Committee on their ongoing work.

The Preparatory Committee will have before it the reports of Working Groups I and II.

Item 3. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee

In resolution 44/228, the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee should hold an organizational session of two weeks' duration in March 1990 and a final session, both at United Nations Headquarters, and three additional substantive sessions, the first at Nairobi and the following two at Geneva, the timing and duration of which should be determined by the Preparatory Committee.

At its first session, the Preparatory Committee, by decision 1/7, decided that its third session should take place from 12 to 30 August 1991, on the understanding that the session would be extended to 4 September if required. The General Assembly, in resolution 45/211, endorsed the Committee's decision.

The Preparatory Committee will be called upon to confirm the dates for its third session. It may wish to decide on the dates for its fourth (final) session.

Item 4. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its third session.

Item 5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee may wish to submit the report on its second session to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

B. Proposed programme of work of the Preparatory Committee

Week of 18-22 March

Monday, 18 March

10 a.m.		Meeting of the Bureau
3 p.m.		Opening of the session
	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Week of 25-28 March

Monday, 25 March

a.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters - Working Group on legal, institutional and all related matters

Week of 2-5 April

Tuesday, 2 April

a.m.	Item 2 (a)	Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions: activities of the Conference secretariat
	Item 2 (b)	Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions: recent actions of intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process

Tuesday, 2 April (continued)		
p.m.	Item 2 (a)	Continued
	Item 2 (b)	Continued
Wednesday, 3 April		
a.m.	Item 2 (c)	Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions: cross-sectoral issues
p.m.	Item 2 (c)	Continued
Thursday, 4 April		
a.m.	Item 2 (c)	Continued
p.m.		Informal consultations
Friday, 5 April		
a.m.	Item 2 (d)	Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions: reports of the Working Groups
p.m.	Item 3	Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee
	Item 4	Provisional agenda for the third session of the Preparatory Committee
	Item 5	Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK OF WORKING GROUP I

A. Provisional agenda of Working Group I

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Protection of the atmosphere:

   (a) Climate change;

   (b) Ozone depletion; 1/

   (c) Transboundary air pollution. 1/

3. Land resources:

   (a) Deforestation;

   (b) Soil loss;

   (c) Desertification and drought. 1/

4. Conservation of biological diversity.

5. Environmentally sound management of biotechnology. 1/

6. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Working Group.

7. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.

Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

By decision 1/19, the Preparatory Committee approved the draft provisional agenda for the second session of Working Group I, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session, in particular paragraphs 8 and 9 (see A/44/48, para. 56).

The Bureau of Working Group I comprises the following officers: Chairman: Bo Kjellén (Sweden); Vice-Chairmen: Shinichi Isashiki (Japan), Charles A. Liburd (Guyana) and Mohamed Mahmoud Ould El Ghaouth (Mauritania).

1/ The item will be considered at the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

In the light of the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany with effect from 3 October 1990, the Working Group will be required to elect a new Rapporteur from the Eastern European group to replace Andreas Wagner (German Democratic Republic).

Item 2. Protection of the atmosphere

(a) Climate change

In subparagraph (a) of decision 1/11, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare a report that analysed and synthesized the results of and made recommendations on the activities of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; the negotiations supported by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization on a framework convention on climate change and related legal instruments, as appropriate; the Second World Climate Conference; and other major related meetings that would take place between the first and second sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

In subparagraph (c) of that decision, the Preparatory Committee further requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to draw on, inter alia, the work of competent organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and other relevant organizations, in initiating appropriate work to estimate the cost, in particular to developing countries, of adopting measures to limit possible climate change and mitigate its adverse effects, in accordance with the objectives of General Assembly resolution 44/228, as contained in its relevant paragraphs, and to report thereon to the Preparatory Committee at its second session.

Documentation

Synthesis report on ongoing processes and recommendations in regard to protection of the atmosphere and climate change (A/CONF.151/PC/22)

Progress report on the costing of measures adopted to limit possible climate change and mitigate its adverse effects (A/CONF.151/PC/23)

(b) Ozone depletion

The Conference secretariat has developed a working relationship with the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization for the purpose of preparing an analytical report on the additional steps that need to be taken in the area of ozone depletion, over and above the Montreal Protocol of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, and a report on the effectiveness of the implementation of the provisions relating to financial cooperation and transfer of technology to developing countries. These two reports will be submitted to the Preparatory Committee at its third session, to be held at Geneva in August 1991.

(c) Transboundary air pollution

The Conference secretariat has requested the regional commissions to provide information on their needs and activities related to transboundary air pollution. This information, together with other information assembled by the Conference secretariat, will be used to prepare, for the third session of the Preparatory Committee, a report on transboundary air pollution, stressing the need for international cooperation to enable developing countries to effectively monitor and assess transboundary air pollution and including a discussion of issues of technology transfer, training and additional financial resources.

Item 3. Land resources

(a) Deforestation

In paragraph 2 of decision 1/14, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare, with the assistance of relevant international organizations and in close consultation with Governments, recognizing their sovereignty over the natural resources within their territories, a comprehensive report on the following:

(a) Status of boreal, temperate, subtropical and tropical forest cover and its loss due to deforestation, acid rain and air pollutants, fire, desertification and other causes, and efforts towards reforestation, afforestation and sustainable forest management;

(b) Assessment of the role of forests as:

(i) An important source of energy and timber for rural communities in developing countries;

(ii) Sinks of greenhouse gases, which may contribute to preventing possible climate change;

(iii) Habitats of biological diversity;

(c) Alternative sources of energy and energy-efficient devices to combat deforestation arising from heavy dependence on fuelwood;

(d) Quantification of the economic value of forests in terms of their multiple uses;

(e) Socio-economic impact on timber-exporting countries of trade restrictions, including bans on imports of timber and timber products;

(f) Outcome of all discussions and reports by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Tropical Timber Organization in fields related to forestry;

(g) Compilation of information pertaining to the transfer of technology on the basis of the objectives set in General Assembly resolution 44/228;

(h) Linkages between the international economic environment and poverty and their effects on forest land use;

and to suggest to the Preparatory Committee at its second session options for the coordination of national, regional and international action on forests.

Documentation

Progress report on the conservation and development of forests (A/CONF.151/PC/27)

(b) Soil loss

In subparagraph (b) of decision 1/15, the Secretary-General of the Conference was requested to keep the Preparatory Committee informed of the preparations for the FAO/Netherlands Conference on Agriculture and Environment - Strategies and Tools for Sustainable Agricultural Development, to be held in April 1991.

In subparagraph (e) of that decision, the Secretary-General of the Conference was further requested, in close collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and other relevant international organizations, to prepare an analysis of alternative sustainable systems of production on marginal lands and the relation between intensive and extensive agriculture and land degradation.

Documentation

Progress report on preparations for the FAO/Netherlands Conference on Sustainable Agriculture (A/CONF.151/PC/26)

Report on an integrated approach to the protection and management of land resources (A/CONF.151/PC/24)

Report on alternative production systems for marginal lands (A/CONF.151/PC/25)

(c) Desertification and drought

The United Nations Environment Programme is in the process of preparing reports requested by the General Assembly in resolutions 44/172 A and B. At the same time the Conference secretariat has initiated consultations with relevant organizations, and has commissioned studies that will review the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and the measures that might be required in combating drought, desertification and land degradation. A report will be submitted to the Preparatory Committee at its third session, to be held at Geneva in August 1991.

Item 4. Conservation of biological diversity

In subparagraph (b) of decision 1/16, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to report to it at its second session on the status of the negotiations of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Biological Diversity, established under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme, on the negotiations of an international legal instrument on biological diversity concerning the protection of biological diversity and the rational use of biological resources within a broad socio-economic context, including the work of the Sub-Working Group on Biotechnology, as well as the relevant work of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations; to analyse the results achieved; and to make recommendations thereon.

Documentation

Progress report on the conservation of biological diversity (A/CONF.151/PC/28)

Item 5. Environmentally sound management of biotechnology

In decision 1/17, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to follow closely the progress in the work undertaken by relevant international organizations on safety in biotechnology, with a view to expediting the elaboration of basic guidelines and facilitating the preparation of an international code of conduct; to report on the progress in the deliberations on an international legal instrument on biological diversity; and to prepare a report on the methodologies and procedures that could be used internationally to assess biotechnology risks, inter alia, to human health and the environment and the impact on socio-economic conditions. These reports will be made available to the Preparatory Committee at its third session.

The Preparatory Committee will have before it a progress report prepared by the Secretary-General of the Conference to keep the Committee informed about the status of the major activities undertaken at various forums, as well as to propose potential areas for further action.

Documentation

Progress report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on environmentally sound management of biotechnology (A/CONF.151/PC/29)

Item 6. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Working Group

The Working Group will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda for its third session.

Item 7. Adoption of the report of the Working Group

The Working Group will submit a report to the Preparatory Committee.

B. Proposed programme of work of Working Group I

Week of 18-22 March

Monday, 18 March		
*a.m.		Meeting of the Bureau
**p.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 2 (a)	Protection of the atmosphere: climate change
Tuesday, 19 March		
a.m.	Item 2 (a)	Continued
	Item 3 (a)	Land resources: deforestation
p.m.	Item 3 (a)	Continued
Wednesday, 20 March		
a.m.	Item 3 (a)	Continued
p.m.		Informal consultations
Thursday, 21 March		
a.m.	Item 4	Conservation of biological diversity
p.m.	Item 4	Continued
	Item 5	Environmentally sound management of biotechnology
Friday, 22 March		
a.m./p.m.		Informal consultations

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* Following the conclusion of the meeting of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

** Following the conclusion of the 1st plenary meeting of the second session.

Week of 25-28 March

Monday, 25 March

***a.m.	Item 3 (b)	Land resources: soil loss
p.m.	Item 3 (b)	Continued

Tuesday, 26 March

a.m./p.m.		Informal consultations

Wednesday, 27 March

a.m./p.m.		Informal consultations

Thursday, 28 March

a.m.	Item 6	Provisional agenda for the third session of the Working Group
	Item 7	Adoption of the report of the Working Group
p.m.	Item 7	Continued

*** Following the conclusion of the 2nd plenary meeting of the second session.

III. PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK OF WORKING GROUP II

A. Provisional agenda of Working Group II

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Protection of the oceans and all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources:

   (a) Global aspects of marine pollution;

   (b) Regional seas and coastal areas;

   (c) Protection, rational use and development of living marine resources.

3. Protection of the quality and supply of freshwater resources: application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources.

4. Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, and of toxic chemicals, as well as prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes:

   (a) Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes;

   (b) Environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals;

   (c) Prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes.

5. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Working Group.

6. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.

Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

By decision 1/23, the Preparatory Committee approved the draft provisional agenda for the second session of Working Group II, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session, in particular paragraphs 8 and 9 (see A/44/48, para. 56).

The Bureau of Working Group II comprises the following officers: Chairman: Bukar Shaib (Nigeria); Vice-Chairmen: Andrzej Gerhard (Poland), Vicente Sanchez (Chile) and Joke Waller-Hunter (Netherlands); Rapporteur: Hussein Haniff (Malaysia).

Item 2. Protection of the oceans and all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources

(a) Global aspects of marine pollution

(b) Regional seas and coastal areas

(c) Protection, rational use and development of living marine resources

In decision 1/20, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference, drawing in particular upon the views expressed at the first session of the Preparatory Committee and upon the expertise available in the United Nations Environment Programme and all other relevant bodies, and taking account of all relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 44/228, to submit to the Preparatory Committee at its second session a comprehensive report with recommendations for action concerning 20 substantive areas and to report on progress on the tasks addressed to the International Maritime Organization, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme and the Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the United Nations Secretariat, on three specific topics: the London Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping Wastes and Other Matter, the global ocean observation system and the land-based sources of marine pollution.

The Preparatory Committee will have before it the reports requested in its decision 1/20.

Item 3. Protection of the quality and supply of freshwater resources: application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources

In paragraph 1 of decision 1/21, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference drawing, in particular, upon the views expressed at the first session of the Preparatory Committee and upon the expertise

available in the United Nations Environment Programme and all other relevant bodies, and taking into account all relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 44/228, to submit to the Preparatory Committee at its second session a progress report with recommendations for action covering nine substantive areas. The Preparatory Committee will have before it the progress report requested.

In paragraph 2 of decision 1/21, the Preparatory Committee invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to consider including sustainable use of water resources in agriculture as an important element of its preparation of a strategy for sustainable agriculture, and requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to keep its Preparatory Committee informed of progress in that area. The Preparatory Committee will have before it the progress report requested.

Item 4. Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, and of toxic chemicals, as well as prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes

(a) Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes

(b) Environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals

(c) Prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes

In decision 1/22, the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference, drawing in particular upon the views expressed at the first session of the Preparatory Committee and upon the expertise available in the United Nations Environment Programme and all other relevant bodies, and taking into account all relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 44/228, to submit to the Preparatory Committee at its second session a progress report with recommendations for action covering 16 substantive areas related to the environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, and 10 substantive areas related to the environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals. The Preparatory Committee will have before it the progress report requested.

Item 5. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Working Group

The Working Group will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda for its third session.

Item 6. Adoption of the report of the Working Group

The Working Group will submit a report to the Preparatory Committee.

B. Proposed programme of work of Working Group II

Week of 18-22 March

Monday, 18 March		
*a.m.		Meeting of the Bureau
**p.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 4 (a)	Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, and of toxic chemicals, as well as prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes: environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes
Tuesday, 19 March		
a.m.	Item 4 (a)	Continued
p.m.		Informal consultations
Wednesday, 20 March		
a.m.	Item 4 (b)	Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, and of toxic chemicals, as well as prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes: environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals
p.m.		Informal consultations

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* Following the conclusion of the meeting of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

** Following the conclusion of the 1st plenary meeting of the second session.

Thursday, 21 March		
a.m.	Item 4 (c)	Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, and of toxic chemicals, as well as prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes: prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes.
p.m.		Informal consultations
Friday, 22 March		
a.m.	Item 2 (a)	Protection of the oceans and all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources: global aspects of marine pollution
p.m.		Informal consultations
Week of 25-28 March		
Monday, 25 March		
***a.m.	Item 2 (b)	Protection of the oceans and all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources: regional seas and coastal areas
p.m.		Informal consultations

*** Following the conclusion of the 2nd plenary meeting of the second session.

Tuesday, 26 March		
a.m.	Item 2 (c)	Protection of the oceans and all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources: protection, rational use and development of living marine resources
p.m.		Informal consultations
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a.m.	Item 3	Protection of the quality and supply of fresh water resources: application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources
p.m.		Informal consultations
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a.m.	Item 5	Provisional agenda for the third session of the Working Group
	Item 6	Adoption of the report of the Working Group
p.m.	Item 6	Continued